The World Conference for the Consideration of Questions touching Faith and Order

A Manual of Prayer for Unity

Ἵνα πάντες ἓν ὦσι, καθὼς σύ, πάτερ, ἐν ἐμοὶ κἀγὼ ἐν σοί, ἵνα καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐν ἡμῖν ἓν ὦσιν, ἵνα ὁ κόσμος πιστεύσῃ ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας.

Ut omnes unum sint, sicut tu Pater in me, et ego in te, ut et ipsi in nobis unum sint, ut credat mundus, quia tu me misisti.

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

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THESE forms of service and prayers were originally compiled by liturgical scholars, especially by the Rev. H. B. St. George, D.D., of Nashotah, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and have been revised by a Committee of the Commission of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America on the World Conference on Faith and Order, but have not been submitted to that Commission, which, therefore, is not responsible for them. They are derived, for the most part, from well-known liturgical and devotional sources, ancient and modern. Suggestions for the improvement of this Manual will be welcomed, and may be sent to the Secretary of the Commission, Robert H. Gardiner, Post Office Box 436, Gardiner, Maine, U. S. A.

While, unhappily, it may be impracticable for Christians of differing Communions to pray together in the same place at the same time, they can all pray for Unity, though in different places and at different times.

It is not expected that this Manual of Prayer will be used generally by those who are accustomed to extempore prayer, except as containing suggestions for topics. Neither is it expected that it will be used by liturgical churches, like the Roman Catholic and the Holy Eastern Orthodox, which have liturgies of their own containing beautiful prayers for Unity. It has been suggested, however, that Roman Catholic Bishops and Priests would be glad to say, or Roman Catholic lay people to have said, when it is permitted, a Votive Mass * with special intention for the Reunion of Christendom. Roman Catholics, therefore, into whose hands

* *For instance, the Masses "De Angelis" and "De Spiritu Sancto."*

this Manual may happen to fall, are begged to consider this suggestion carefully and to see if it is not possible to carry it into effect.

The prayer from the Roman Missal, *O Domine Jesu, qui dixisti*, has been translated into several languages and circulated very widely among Christians who prefer prayer in their native tongue.

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An Office preparatory to the Holy Communion

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Officiant. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Officiant. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Answer. They shall prosper that love Thee.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to grant unto the whole Christian people unity, peace and true concord, both visible and invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn

Thou, Who at Thy first Eucharist didst pray,
That all Thy Church might be forever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

For all Thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make Thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to Thee, O Prince of Peace;
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

We pray Thee, too, for wanderers from Thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,

Back to the Faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that Faith doth keep;
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

So, Lord, at length when Sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all Thy Church above,
One with Thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with Thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

¶ *Then shall be said one or more of the following psalms, the Officiant first saying:*

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

PSALM 85. [*Vulgate lxxxiv*]

PSALM 122. [*Vulgate cxxi*]

PSALM 133. [*Vulgate cxxxii*]

THE CHAPTER. 1 *Cor.* x. 16

THE cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,

dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, . . . But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord.
Answer. And Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Officiant. Thou openest Thine hand,
Answer. And fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Officiant. If any man hear my voice and open the door,
Answer. I will come unto him and sup with him.

Officiant. O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.
Answer. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Officiant. O send out Thy Light and Thy Truth that they may lead me,
Answer. And bring me to Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling.

Officiant. And I will go unto the Altar of God.
Answer. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Anonymous. Modern.

ALMIGHTY God, Who, by Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast given us the Sacrament of His Body and Blood as the bond of unity in Thy Church, grant that all who approach these holy mysteries may endeavor, both in heart and mind, to promote the restoration of that unity, according to Thy holy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest's Prayer Book.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, Who didst lay down Thy life for Thy sheep, and dost quicken them with the food of Thy Body and Blood, fill us with the spirit of Thy love that we may freely spend and be spent in Thy service, and assist us in bringing Thy sheep, scattered throughout the world, into Thy one flock, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Golden Gate.

O LORD Jesus Christ, preserve Thy flock which Thou hast purchased with Thy right hand and redeemed with Thy Blood; even the whole Catholic Church from the one end of the earth to the other. Unite all her members with the bands of faith, hope and love, and, when it shall seem good in Thine eyes, in an external communion. Let the daily sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving never cease, but be forever presented to Thee, and, united with Thy prevailing intercession, obtain for its members the blessing of peace and true concord; for Thy Name's sake, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech Thee to bless Thy Holy Catholic Church, and fill it with truth and grace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is wanting, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches thereof, O Thou Holy One of Israel; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.* Archbishop Laud.

O GOD Who art one God, blessed forevermore, Who hast predestined us to glorify Thee in one Body in Thy only begotten Son; we earnestly pray Thee for the restoration of visible unity of worship and communion between the divided members of the Catholic Church in the East and West; that all who confess Thy Holy Name and are called Christians may be reunited, as at the beginning, in the Apostles' doctrine, and the fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Remove, we beseech Thee, from us, and from all others, whatever may hinder or delay this blessed reunion, all suspicions, prejudices, hard thoughts and judgments, and endue us with such ardent love towards Thee and towards each other, that we may be one in Thee, to Whom be all praise and glory and thanksgiving, forever. *Amen.* Prime and Hours.

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

¶ *Where a special Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are to be used, the following are suggested:*

THE COLLECT

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, Peace, I leave with you, My peace, I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of Roman Missal.

Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will, Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Epistle. *Ephesians iv.* 4–16

THERE is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

THE GOSPEL. *St. John xvii.* 11–23

HOLY Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

A Service of Intercession

¶ *A suitable Hymn may be sung*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Officiant. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, . . . But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant

LET us pray Almighty God, that He will direct in the way of peace all Rulers, Governments, and Peoples, and so overrule their counsels that wars may cease in all the earth; so that all Nations may enjoy the blessing of living in tranquillity and peace, to the praise of His Holy Name.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Let us pray

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* Book of Common Prayer.

Officiant

LET us pray for the peace of God's Church: that we may all be one, even as our Lord Jesus Christ is one with the Father.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you.
Answer. Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let us pray

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, Peace, I leave with you, My peace, I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant Her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.* Roman Missal.

Officiant

LET us pray for the unity of the Church: that all the members thereof may be given the grace of wisdom, and may grow in charity one toward another, so that we being joined in fellowship with Christ, Who

is the Head of His mystical Body, the Church, may by our love for one another be known of all men as His disciples.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

Answer. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord.

Let us pray

The Golden Gate.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, to put away from Thy Church all causes of discord. Accomplish in Thine own good time the unity of Christendom. Renew the zeal of the whole body, break down the barriers that divide it, restore whatsoever anywhere is wanting, that all being drawn together in unity of faith, unity of hope, and unity of charity, all the earth may know that there is but one God and Father of us all, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Officiant

LET us pray for all Bishops and Pastors, that they may faithfully preach God's Holy Word, and by their zeal and holy living make the Truth attractive, and by their love of souls turn many to righteousness.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. Remember them that minister about holy things.

Answer. And let them be clothed with righteousness and sing with joyfulness.

Let us pray

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee to inspire with Thy Grace, to endue with Thy Holy Spirit, to enlighten with the beams of Thy Wisdom, the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church. Renew in them Apostolic wisdom, zeal and piety. Purify their lives, strengthen their words, and sanctify their ministry, that through them the good may be confirmed, the wandering may be reclaimed, and the beauty of holiness may be made manifest among men. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.* The Golden Gate.

Officiant

LET us pray for the Synods, Conventions, Conferences, and Assemblies of Christian people, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to see the things which make for peace, and that the Divine blessing may be upon their efforts to promote the unity of the Church throughout the world.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. I have set before thee an open door,
Answer. Which no man can shut.

Let us pray

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast given the Comforter to Thy Church that He may abide with it forever: pour forth the blessing of Thy Spirit on all gatherings of Christian people, for the glory of Thy Name and the benefit of Thy Holy Church. Defend their hearts from all hindrances of this world. Grant them steadfastness of faith, purity The Priest's Prayer Book.

of love, sincere desire for peace, courage amidst difficulties, and such judgment and discretion that while they reverence the traditions of the past, they may be ready to seize the opportunities of the present for the edifying of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Officiant

LET us pray that the Spirit of sincerity and truth may prevail among all Christians so that with pure intention they may exhibit towards each other that charity which believeth all things and hopeth all things.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. May the Lord cleanse us from all evil.
Answer. And give us a new heart and a right spirit.

Let us pray

Liturgy of S. Mark.

MASTER, and Lord Almighty, look down from heaven upon Thy Church, and upon all Thy people, and all Thy flocks, and save all of us Thine unworthy servants, the creatures of Thy fold; and grant to us Thy peace, and Thy love and Thy help, and send down upon us the gifts of Thy most Holy Spirit, that, in a pure heart, and with good conscience, we may salute one another, not in hypocrisy, and with no hostile purpose, but guileless and unspotted, in one spirit, in one faith, as we have also been called in one hope of our calling, that we may all of us arrive at the Divine and boundless affection, in Christ Jesus our Lord, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, and good, and quickening Spirit, now and forever, and to ages of ages. *Amen.*

Officiant

LET us pray that the spirit of prayer and true devotion may be deepened in the hearts of all Christians, so that the prayers of the faithful may ever be offered in submission to the Divine Will.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.
Answer. And upon my people the spirit of grace and supplication.

Let us pray

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in all our supplications and prayers, that we may not draw near to Thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from Thee. Give us a hearty desire to pray and grace to pray faithfully, and, that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.* The Golden Gate.

Officiant

LET us pray for the grace of perseverance, in our intercessions, and in our efforts for the peace and unity of the Church, so that we may never be dismayed by any obstacles or difficulties which confront us.

Silent Prayer

Officiant. This is the victory that overcometh the world.
Answer. Even our faith.

Let us pray

The Priest's Prayer Book.

GRANT us, O Lord, such boldness in Thee that we may set our faces as a flint and not be ashamed, but contending valiantly for the truth may out of weakness be made strong and conquer in Thy might; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gelasian. *Bright transl.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast revealed Thy Glory by Christ among all nations, preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church which is spread throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May the Peace of God which passeth all understanding keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Litany

An Anglican Bishop.

O GOD the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; Spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From arrogance and impatience; from wilful misunderstanding of each other's difficulties; from all want of kindness and of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From worldliness and blindness of heart; from envy and strife and whatever may hinder us from godly union and concord,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From unwillingness to confess our faults; from blindness to the virtues of others; from indifference to the evil of a divided Christendom,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From failure to recognize the work of Thy Holy Spirit wherever He may please to dwell; from want of faith and confidence; from hopelessness and despair,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From neglect of prayer and unwillingness to obey

Thy will; from hardness of heart and contempt of Thy word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the glory given Thee by the Father, that Thou shouldst be the Saviour of the world,

Incline our hearts to do Thy will.

By Thy coming to seek and to save the lost; by Thy Holy Incarnation; by Thy life of trial and temptation; by Thy days of toil and Thy nights of prayer,

Incline our hearts to do Thy will.

By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial,

Incline our hearts to do Thy will.

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; by Thy power over all things in heaven and in earth; by Thy promise to be with Thy servants unto the end of the world,

Incline our hearts to do Thy will.

By Thy continual Intercession at the right hand of God; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Incline our hearts to do Thy will.

By Thy second Coming to judge the world; by the solemn gathering of all nations round Thy Throne,

Incline our hearts to do Thy will.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to receive our supplications and prayers for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to enable us seriously to take to heart the great dangers which we are in

through our unhappy divisions and to strive to draw nearer to each other in Thee and for Thee,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to pour out upon us the spirit of earnest prayer and supplication, that we may be fitted and prepared to do Thy holy will,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to pardon us all sins of ecclesiastical tyranny, spiritual barrenness and moral inefficiency, by which men have been driven from Thy fold,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to restore the visible unity of Thy Church, broken by our sin,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant us patience to understand the difficulties of those who are separated from us and readiness to appreciate the truths for which they stand,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to show us how to give up whatever is sectarian in our contentions and to give of the truth which Thou hast revealed to us,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant us the grace of perseverance that we may not be discouraged by the many difficulties which the study of Christian differences reveals,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to move men's hearts with a greater desire for unity, that at last there may be one flock as there is one Shepherd,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to save us from the shame of perpetuating our divisions among those in the Mission Field whom Thou hast called out of darkness,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless the effort of those who are striving to bring together in conference all who confess the faith of Thy holy Name,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to guide our hearts and minds beyond any union of organization to the true unity which is of life,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Our Father, . . . But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Rt. Rev. C. P. Anderson.

O GOD of Peace, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst set forth One Faith for the salvation of mankind; send Thy grace and heavenly blessing upon all Christian people who are striving to draw nearer to Thee, and to each other, in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us penitence for our divisions, wisdom to know Thy truth, courage to do Thy will, love which shall break down the barriers of pride and prejudice, and an unswerving loyalty to Thy holy Name. Suffer us not to shrink from any endeavor which is in accordance with Thy will, for the peace and unity of Thy Church. Give us boldness to seek only Thy glory and the advancement of Thy kingdom. Unite us all in Thee as Thou, O Father, with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

A Litany of the Holy Ghost

Anonymous.
Modern.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer. Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

O God, the Father,
Have mercy upon us.
O God, the Son,
Have mercy upon us.
O God, the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, One God,
Have mercy upon us.
O Holy Spirit, co-equal with the Father and the Son,
Have mercy upon us.
O Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father,
Have mercy upon us.
O Holy Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, of Counsel and Strength, of Knowledge and Godliness, and of Holy Fear,
Have mercy upon us.
O Holy Spirit of Power, of Love and of a Sound Mind,
Have mercy upon us.
O Holy Spirit of Grace and Prayer,
Have mercy upon us.
O Holy Spirit of Charity, Peace and Joy,
Have mercy upon us.
O Holy Spirit of Patience, Forbearance and Goodness,
Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Sanctifier,
Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Spirit who governest the Church, and dwellest in us and fillest the whole world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Spirit who teachest us all things and guidest us into all truth,
Have mercy upon us.

From all evil, and from the temptations and snares of the devil,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all presumption and despair; from all doubting and unbelief,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

From all envy and unkindness; from all obstinacy and hardness; from all anger and strife,
Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst renew the face of the earth,
We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst shed abroad Thy Light in our hearts,
We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst inflame them with the fire of Thy Love,
We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst help us to love and bear with each other,
We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst lead us in the way of Thy Commandments,
We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst teach us to pray, and Thyself pray within us,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst fill us with gentleness and tenderness toward our brethren,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That all Christians may endeavor to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst hasten the time of the visible Unity of Thy Church throughout the world,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

That Thou wouldst grant us to persevere unto the end in faith, hope and charity,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Holy Spirit.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Answer. Pour into our hearts the Spirit of Love.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Answer. Enlighten our minds with the Spirit of Truth.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Answer. Give us the Spirit of Peace.

Our Father, . . . But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

Answer. And renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from Thy Presence.

Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O give us the comfort of Thy help again.

Answer. And stablish us with Thy free Spirit.

Lord hear our prayer.
Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray

Book of Common Prayer.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Rev. Raymond Calkins.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who art able to do such things as pass man's understanding, give us an heart earnestly to believe that Thou art able and willing to do all those things for the good of Thy Church which, of ourselves, we are unable to perform. Cast out from our hearts, we beseech Thee, the spirit of unbelief: and help us so to humble ourselves before Thee and to open our hearts and minds to the teaching of Thy Spirit and the leading of Thy will that those things may be accomplished which shall unite in one Body Thy faithful people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gelasian. *Bright transl.*

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favorably on Thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and, by the tranquil operation of Thy perpetual Providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and returning to perfection through Him from Whom they took their beginning, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Suggestions for Private and Extempore Prayer

1. *Praise and Thanksgiving*

(*a*) Our life from God: His Providential care; our redemption through our Saviour Jesus Christ; the gift of the Holy Spirit; in the world, in the Church, to individuals.

(*b*) The Church: its growth from the beginning in spite of the sins of its members; the zeal and self-denial of the faithful laborers, in all ages and in all lands; the glorious examples of the Saints and Martyrs.

(*c*) Evidences of the quickening power of the Holy Spirit in Christian Communions; the impetus in missionary endeavor; practical interest in community life; the breaking down the barriers of prejudice between Christians; the vision of a united Christendom.

2. *Acknowledgment of Unworthiness and Failure*

(*a*) In our lives, in earnestness and vigor; self-centred in our ecclesiastical environments; indifference to spiritual movements; lack of appreciation of good in others; envy of the success of others.

(*b*) Unwillingness to recognize the free operation of the Holy Spirit in other Communions; unwillingness to admit the defects in our own; bitterness at the superior claims of others; traditional prejudice against doctrines and practices; the controversial spirit which is self-defensive, rather than seeking the Truth; lack of interest in the cause of Unity.

3. *Intercession*

(*a*) For all Christians, that they may respond to the influence of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and minds; that they may be filled with brotherly love and kindness towards each other; that they may be brought to see the weakness of the Church through its divisions; that they may earnestly contend for the Faith once for all delivered to the saints; that the indifferent and wandering may be brought to worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness.

(*b*) For other Communions of Christians, that faith and piety and zeal may grow and abound in them; that they may be drawn nearer to us and each other in the unity of faith and love; that the prejudices and barriers that divide them may be removed; that they may increasingly perceive the points in which they agree rather than those in which they differ; that each may honestly face with courage, but discuss with charity, differences which seem vital.

(*c*) For a united Christendom, that the Vision may become increasingly attractive; that by prayer and co-operation we may work for its consummation; that we wait on the guidance of the Holy Spirit; that we avoid temporary adjustments under the plea of expediency; that Christians everywhere may desire and pray for visible Unity, that the world may know that the Father has sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Additional Prayers

1. From Latin Sources

For Peace

Leonine. *Bright transl.*

O GOD, Who hast taught Thy Church to keep all Thy heavenly commandments by loving Thy Godhead and our neighbor; grant us the spirit of peace and grace, that Thy universal family may be both devoted to Thee with their whole heart, and united to each other with a pure will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Mozarabic. *Bright transl.*

O CHRIST, the Word of the Most High Father, Who wast made flesh to dwell among us, enter into our hearts, that all we who have been redeemed by the mystery of Thine Incarnation may remain united in the fellowship of perpetual peace. *Amen.*

For Harmony

Mozarabic. Prayers of the Ages.

O GOD, Who of Thy great love to this world didst reconcile earth to heaven through Thine Only-begotten Son; grant that we who, by the darkness of our sins, are turned aside from brotherly love, may, by Thy light shed forth in our souls, be filled with Thine own sweetness, and embrace our friends in Thee, and our enemies for Thy sake, in a bond of mutual affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Sincerity

Leonine. *Bright transl.*

CONFIRM, O Lord, we pray Thee, the hearts of Thy children, and strengthen them with the power of Thy grace; that they may be both devout in

prayer to Thee, and sincere in love for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Deliverance from Adversities

Sarum (Leonine). *Bright transl.*

MERCIFULLY receive, O Lord, the prayers of Thy Church; that all adversities and errors may be destroyed; that it may serve Thee in quiet freedom; and give Thy peace in our times; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Leonine.

HEAR us, O Lord our God, and by Thy merciful guidance direct the course of Thy Church amidst the waves of this troublesome world that it come to the haven where it would be, in peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. From Eastern Sources

Liturgy of S. Basil. *Neale and Littledale transl.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, remember Thy holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, from one end of the world unto the other, which Thou hast purchased with the precious blood of Thy Christ, and give peace unto this holy House and strengthen it until the consummation of the world. *Amen.*

Syrian Clementine Liturgy. *Bright transl.*

O GOD, Who art the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, and the bestower of affection, Who sendest peace to those that receive it; open to us this day the sea of Thy love, and water us with plenteous streams from the riches of Thy grace, and from the most sweet springs of Thy benignity. Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Enkindle in us the fire of Thy love; sow in us Thy fear; strengthen our weakness by Thy power; bind us closely to Thee and to each other in one firm and indissoluble bond of unity. *Amen.*

For Harmony

Jacobite Liturgy of S. Dionysius. *Bright transl.*

O GOD the Father, Good beyond all that is good, Fair beyond all that is fair, in Whom is calmness, peace and concord; do Thou make up the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into an unity of love, which may bear some likeness to Thy sublime Nature. And as Thou art above all things, make us one by the unanimity of a good mind, that through the embrace of charity and the bonds of affection we may be spiritually one, as well in ourselves as in each other, through that peace of Thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy and tenderness of Thine Only-begotten Son. *Amen.*

For Sincerity

Coptic Liturgy of S. Cyril.

O GOD of love, Who hast given a new commandment, through Thine Only-begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as Thou didst love us the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy Beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray Thee, Lord, give us, Thy servants, in all time of our life on earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren. *Amen.*

Liturgy of S. James. *Neale and Littledale transl.*

GOD and Master of all things, make us the unworthy, O Lover of men, worthy of this hour, that we, remaining pure from all guile and all hypocrisy, may be united together by the bond of peace and love, being stablished by the sanctification of Thy Divine knowledge, through Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy, and good

and quickening Spirit, now and ever, and to ages of ages. *Amen.*

3. From English Sources

For Visible Unity

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O ALMIGHTY Lord and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to hear the supplications of Thy people, who earnestly pray Thee for the restoration of peace and visible Unity amongst all who confess Thy Holy Name. Look graciously upon the weak and wandering, and bring all who are in error to the knowledge of Thee and of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Book of Common Worship.

O LORD of heaven and earth, who hast promised to reveal Thy glory by Jesus Christ among all nations; remember, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Church throughout the world. Unite all who profess and call themselves Christians in the bond of a living faith as the body of Christ, and so replenish them and us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works, and may turn many to righteousness through the preaching of the Gospel. And grant that, having persevered in the way of godliness to the end, we may, with the prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors and saints of all ages, come into full communion with Thee and with one another, in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Removal of Hindrances to Unity

English Accession Service.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and

prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may, with one mind and one mouth, glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Book of Offices.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast commanded us to love one another; Put an end to the unhappy divisions of those who are called by Thy name. Come quickly and bind us together in the full revelation of Thy love, and let the desire for Thine appearing unite us even now while we wait for Thee. Teach us to realize that the ordinances of Thy grace should bind us to each other as well as unto Thee; and let us not so misuse the means of our salvation as to foster a spirit of division by what should be the channels of Thy Love. Enable us to love one another in Thee and for Thee, until all our imperfections are done away, and we shall shine forth in Thy light, and rejoice in the manifestations of Thy Love. In Thy Love let us triumph over all difference of condition, all the estrangements of race, all the prejudices of education, all the pride of self-will. In Thy Love let us be humble; in Thy Love let us be one; that in Thy Love we may be exalted, and in Thy Love we may be Thine for ever. *Amen.*

The Golden Gate.

O ETERNAL GOD, the Father of spirits and lover of souls; Who didst send Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church on the day of Pentecost, and hast promised that He shall abide with it for ever; let Thy Holy Spirit lead us into all truth, defend us from all

sin, enrich us with His gifts, refresh us with His comforts, rule in our hearts for ever, and lead us in the way everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, with Thee and the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Patience

Prayers of the Ages.

O LORD and Saviour Christ, Who camest not to strive nor to cry, but to let Thy words fall as the drops that water the earth, grant to all who contend for the Faith, never to injure it by clamor or impatience; but, speaking Thy precious Truth in love, so to present it that it may be loved, and that men may see in it Thy goodness and Thy beauty; Who livest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Reverend W. T. Manning.

O LORD Jesus Christ, look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church weakened and hindered by differences and divisions; bless the effort to bring together in conference all who confess the faith of Thy Holy Name, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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